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TOPIC Brandenburg-Briest Airfield

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1. The following observations were made at Brandenburg-Briest airfield between 20 and 25 June 1952:

20 June. At 8 p.m., 13 MiG-15s were counted at the field.

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21 June. No flying was observed. At 10 a.m., 13 planes were counted at the field.

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23 June. At 7 p.m., 13 MiG-15s were parked at the runway. Between 3 p.m. and 2 a.m., 106 take-offs and landings were counted. It was repeatedly observed that the aircraft in the air had their landing lights on.

24 June. About 11:30 a.m., the engine of a MiG-15 was started four times.

25 June. Eighteen MiG-15s were again counted at the field.

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- 25X1 2. At 10 a.m. on 24 June, six fuel trucks with gasoline moved to the field. They left the field at 4 p.m. Construction work continued on the temporary buildings and on the line in Jagen (forest-subarea) 24.

3. At 7 p.m. on 27 June, 13 MiG-15s were counted at the field. During the night of 27 June, 52 take-offs and about 60 landings were made. At 8 a.m. on 28 June, the field was occupied by 24 MiG-15s. The same number of aircraft was observed between 5 and 7 July. Construction work on a fence around the field started on 28 June.

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4. The field was observed on 1 July between 2 a.m. and 4 p.m. The weather was good, and there was a clear visibility. Aircraft observed at the field included 12 jet fighters on the eastern edge, 6 jet fighters on the northern edge, 1 single-engine plane and 1 biplane in front of the flight control station. There was no night flying. At 8:30 a.m., a sentry was posted in the southwestern corner of the field. Individual local flying by jet fighters started at 9 a.m. [REDACTED] could

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5. Source inferred from newly erected wooden poles along the western section of the field that a fence was to be constructed there. A telegraph line consisting of 6 to 8 wires extended along the Brandenburg-Plaue road toward the field. A new low wooden building was observed southwest of the flight control station. Truck [REDACTED], occupied by four soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, left Goerden Landesanstalt. \*

25X1 \* [REDACTED] Comment. The report confirms that Brandenburg-Briest airfield is still occupied by a jet fighter regiment. Some of the aircraft  
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25X1 source. The other aircraft [REDACTED] though reported for the first time, are believed to be correct. A maximum of 25 MiG-15s were observed on the landing field during the last weeks. It is believed that some additional planes are parked under camouflage. It is obvious that night flying was frequently practiced by MiG-15s. The concordant information by both sources on the construction of a fence around the field is received for the first time. Previously, Brandenburg-Briest airfield was one of the few airfields in the Soviet Zone of Germany which were not yet surrounded by a fence.

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